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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims so that they read as follows:

Claims 1-29 (Canceled).

30. (New) The compound

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- 31. (New) The salt of the compound of claim 30.
- 32. (New) A composition comprising
  - a. an active agent; and
  - b. the compound of claim 30.
- 33. (New) A composition as defined in claim 32, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a pharmacologic agent and a therapeutic active agent.
- 34. (New) A composition as defined in claim 32, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a biologically active agent and a chemically active agent.
- 35. (New) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a polysaccharide, a mucopolysaccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, and any combination thereof.

36. (New) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a

peptide.

37. (New) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a

polysaccharide.

38. (New) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a

mixture of mucopolysaccharides.

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39. (New) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent

is a hormone.

40. (New) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said mixture of

mucopolysaccharides comprises heparin.

41. (New) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent

is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; growth

releasing hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones, interferons; interleukin-I, interleukin-II,

insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial naturetic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies,

somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin;

cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbials, or

any combination thereof.

42. (New) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent

comprises insulin.

43. (New) A composition as defined in claim 42, wherein said heparin comprises low

molecular weight heparin.

44. (New) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent

comprises calcitonin.

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45. (New) A composition as defined in claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises human growth hormone.

- 46. (New) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises parathyroid hormone.
  - 47. (New) A dosage unit form comprising a composition as defined in claim 32; and
    - a. an excipient,
    - b. a diluent,
    - c. a disintegrant,
    - d. a lubricant,
    - e. a plasticizer,
    - f. a colorant,
    - g. a dosing vehicle, or
    - h. any combination thereof.
- 48. (New) A dosage unit form according to claim 47, comprising a tablet, a capsule, or a liquid.
  - 49. (New) A dosage unit form according to claim 48, consisting of a tablet.
  - 50. (New) A dosage unit form according to claim 48, consisting of a capsule.
- 51. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 47, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a biologically active agent and a chemically active agent.
- 52. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 51, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a polysaccharide, a mucopolysaccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, and any combination thereof.

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53. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active agent comprises a polysaccharide.

- 54. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active agent comprises a peptide.
- 55. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active agent comprises a mixture of mucopolysaccharides.
- 56. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 55, wherein said mixture of mucopolysaccharides comprises heparin.
- 57. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 51, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; growth releasing hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; interleukin-II; insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial naturetic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbials, or any combination thereof.
- 58. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said heparin comprises low molecular weight heparin.
- 59. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises insulin.
- 60. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises parathyroid hormones.
- 61. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises calcitonin.

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62. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises human growth hormone.

- 63. (New) A method for preparing a composition, said method comprising mixing:
  - a. at least one biologically active agent;
  - b. at least one compound as defined in claim 30; and
  - c. optionally a dosing vehicle.
- 64. (New) A method as defined in claim 63, wherein said biologically active agent comprises a peptide.
- 65. (New) A method as defined in claim 63, wherein said biologically active agent comprises polysaccharide.
- 66. (New) A method as defined in claim 63, wherein said polysaccharide comprises a mixture of muco-polysaccharides.
- 67. (New) The method of claim 63, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; growth releasing hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; interleukin-I; interleukin-II; insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial naturetic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbial, or any combination thereof.
- 68. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering to said animal a composition as defined in claim 32.

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69. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said administration is oral.

- 70. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said animal is a mammal.
- 71. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 70, wherein said mammal is a human.
- 72. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said composition is a solid.
- 73. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 72, wherein said composition is a tablet or capsule.
- 74. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 36.
- 75. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 38.
- 76. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 40.
- 77. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 42.

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78. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 43.

- 79. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 44.
- 80. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 45.
- 81. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 46.